

Bitterroot National Forest Wildfire Update

Hamilton, MT. August 2, 2008. There are three fires on the Bitterroot National Forest. Each is being managed as a “wildland fire use fire”; rather than actively fighting or suppressing the fires, Forest managers are utilizing these fires to generate resource benefits.

The newest fire, the Arrasta Fire, is approximately 0.5 – 1 acre in size. Discovered on Friday afternoon, this fire is probably a holdover from Tuesday’s lightning storm. It is burning in the Burnt Fork drainage southeast of Stevensville.

The Hells Half Saddle Fire, now at 300 acres, was started by lightning on June 30th, and is located between Round Top and Pole Mountains, south of the Magruder Corridor. The fire has crossed Forest Service Road #224; no travel restrictions are planned but forest users should watch for burned snags and areas of active burning.

The Woodhump Fire is located in the upper reaches of the Selway River approximately 1 mile southwest of Woodhump Mountain. Started by lightning on July 18th, the fire has burned approximately 195 acres.

For additional information, please call Forest Public Affairs Officer

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